



Trail News

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Farm Service Agency and Extension offers training on Farm Bill

The USDA Farm Service Agency and the University of Wyoming are conducting meetings to inform Wyoming producers about the new programs authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). These meetings will focus on the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) that will be administered by FSA and the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) administered by RMA through federal crop insurance providers.

Highlights include base acre updates, yield updates, online decision tools, and analyzing information for a farm or ranch.

Presenters will be Nicole Ballenger, a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wyoming; John Hewlett, a farm and ranch management specialist in the department; and FSA farm program specialists. Ballenger and Hewlett are in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. For information about the programs, see <http://rightrisk.org/WY/FarmBill>.

Training for Park and Big Horn County producers will be December 18, 2014, at 10 a.m. at the Powell Research and Extension Center, 747 Road 9, Powell, WY. For more information please call Darla or Marcia at the Park County Farm Service Agency at 754-9411; and for Big Horn County producers, call Brenda or Connie for information at 765-2663.

Agricultural Prices Program Modified

Posted on November 21, 2014 by Farm Service Agency

The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service is modifying the agricultural prices program. Only full month prices will be published starting January 2015. Preliminary prices will be discontinued after December 2014. Adjusted base prices will be published in the February report instead of the January report and the annual average group indexes published in the January report will be based on an annual weight rather than a simple average as in previous years. Each report will have the previous full month price instead of the current preliminary or mid-month price. To read more, go to: <http://fsa.blogs.govdelivery.com/2014/11/21/agricultural-prices-program-modified/>.



After composting, the leftover animal materials and waste are no longer recognizable. Instead, they become healthy, organic fertilizer. NRCS photo courtesy Analia Bertucci.

What Most People Don't Realize is Behind Their Thanksgiving Dinner

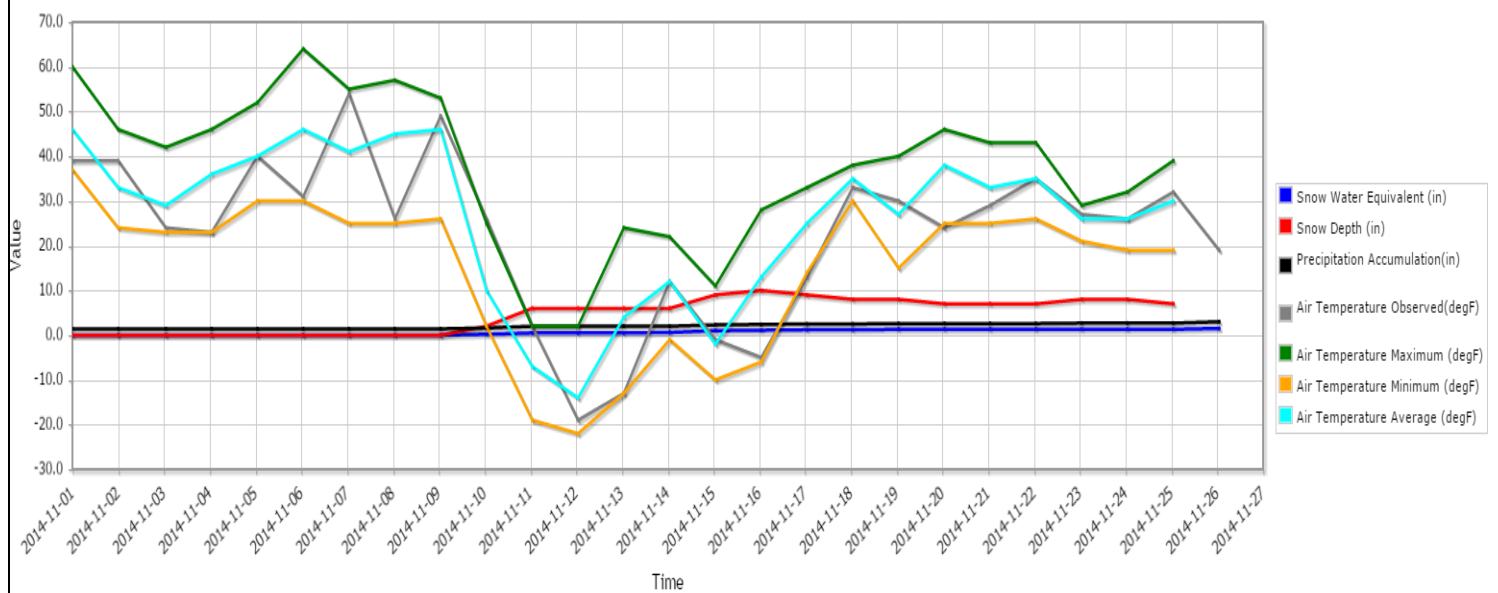
Posted by Carolyn Miller, NRCS Connecticut

You can picture it now, can't you? The familiar sounds of a parade or football game playing on the TV while little ones chase each other through the house. More friends and family members than you can ever remember in one place at the same time. And the aroma ... those delightful smells that let you know it's a holiday. You see the table surrounded by mismatched chairs, dinnerware and cutlery. And on that table, neatly decorated with the rich colors of the season, sit bowls filled with traditional fare and in the center of it all, the pièce de résistance – the golden brown bird around which the entire meal is built..... Turkey. The year's most prestigious meal! Chances are, as you sit down to that mouthwatering Thanksgiving dinner, the last thing on your mind is a compost facility, or prescribed grazing, or any other conservation practice. In fact, unless you're either a farmer or employed by USDA, you've probably never even heard of them. But these conservation practices all have a lot to do with the food products you consume. To read more, visit the NRCS website at:

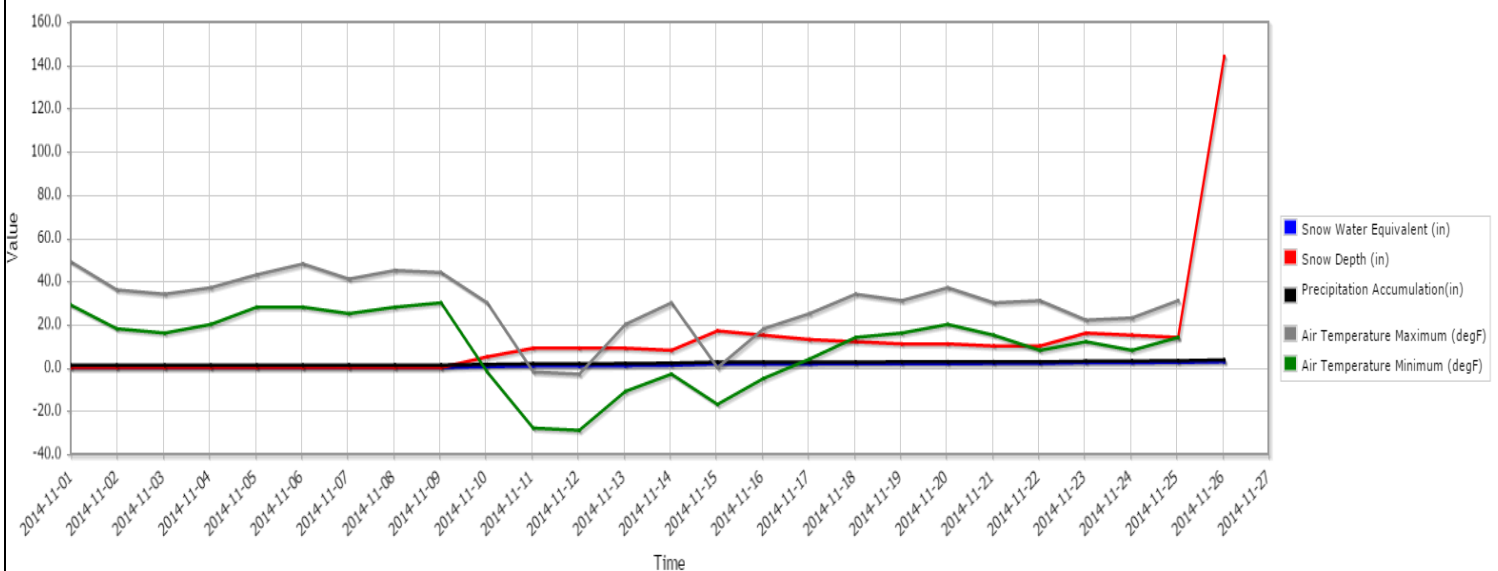
<http://blogs.usda.gov/2014/11/24/what-most-people-dont-realize-is-behind-their-thanksgiving-dinner/#more-55488>

To see other SNOTEL locations, visit www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/rgprt?report=swe&state=WY&operation=View

Timber Creek (819) Wyoming SNOTEL Site - 7950 ft



Kirwin (560) Wyoming SNOTEL Site - 9550 ft



-----Reminders and Updates-----

November 27th & 28th ~ MCD Office Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday

December 10th ~ NEW TIME!!! 12:00 Noon – MCD Regular Board Meeting, 1906 State Street, Meeteetse. Open To The Public.

December 18th ~ 10:00 a.m. Farm Bill Training at the Powell Research and Extension Center, 747 Road 9, Powell, WY.

Through its *Trail News*, the MCD hopes to keep the community informed, and all of us here, as your local government, encourage you to give us feedback, fresh ideas and comments so that the District can represent the Meeteetse community in the best way possible. For a copy of the Trail News by email, please call us at 307-868-2484 or send an email request to: mcd@tctwest.net.

Happy Trails to You! Bernie, Blaise, Ginny, & Steffen